



State of Arizona
Department of Education

SCHOOL FINANCE MEMORANDUM 18-005

TO: Special Education Residential Voucher Program Administrators

FROM: Lyle Friesen, Deputy Associate Superintendent of School Finance

DATE: July 31, 2017

SUBJECT: Fiscal Year 2018 Special Education Residential Voucher Program

As per ARS § 15-1184 attached is a copy of the voucher rates for the 2017-2018 school year.

Voucher payments are made on a monthly basis. Claims must be submitted by the end of business, **the 10th of the month**, after the month in which the service was provided (i.e. the August claim is due on September 10th). The payment process begins on the 11th and any claims submitted after the 10th of the month will be processed the following month. If the 10th falls on a Saturday or Sunday, the claims are due that Monday.

You must submit and activate your fiscal year 2018 calendar electronically before we are able to process any payments. Your calendar must be submitted on-line using your common logon user name and password at <https://www.ade.az.gov/commonlogon/Login.asp?Mode=Logon>. After clicking on LEA Calendars, you will find a manual that will walk you through submitting your calendar. Refer to ARS § 15-801 to ensure that "schools shall be closed" on holidays. Please note: No payment will be issued without a current, active calendar submitted.

If you have any questions regarding claim submission/procedures please contact: Deniece.Hammons@azed.gov or 928-637-1869.



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Special Education Residential Voucher Daily Rates for FY 2018

Pursuant to Arizona Revised Statute 15-1184, below is the statutory formula funding daily rates for school year July 2017 through June 2018. Rate calculations are based on Arizona's mandated 180 school session days. Facilities operating outside of Arizona will be funded at the rates below for the legislative mandated school session days of the state in which they are operating. Funding will not be provided for any days that exceed the state's mandated session days. Every facility is required to submit a calendar that defines all session days, observed holidays, spring and winter breaks and any other exception days. Calendars are limited to state legislative mandated session days. Year round schools will only be funded for the state legislative mandated session days for the state in which the facility operates. Extended School Year funding is included in the regular session daily rate; additional funding is not available to facilities to provide ESY services.

<i>Category</i>	K-8*	HS (9-12)*
Autistic	\$144.7222	\$146.9731
Emotional Disability	\$42.5933	\$42.5933
Emotionally Disabled (Private)	\$124.0345	\$126.2854
Hearing Impairment	\$122.9909	\$125.2418
Mild Intellectual Disability	\$42.5933	\$42.5933
Moderate Intellectual Disability	\$115.8290	\$118.0799
Multiple Disabilities	\$144.7222	\$146.9731
Multiple Disabilities – Severe Sensory Impairment	\$187.9801	\$190.2310
Developmental Delay	\$42.5933	\$0
Orthopedic Impairment	\$163.9570	\$166.2079
Other Health Impairment	\$42.5933	\$42.5933
Severe Intellectual Disability	\$144.7222	\$146.9731
Specific Learning Disabled	\$42.5933	\$42.5933
Speech Language Impairment	\$42.5933	\$42.5933
Visual Impairment	\$123.7071	\$125.9580

*A student's daily rate is established based on the age of the student on September 1st. A student, who turns 14 years of age on or before September 1st, will be funded for the entire school year at the daily rate in the 9 – 12 columns. A student, who turns 14 years of age anytime after September 1st, will be funded for the entire school year at the daily rate in the K-8 column. Fundable Daily Rate is determined by the student's primary disability approved by ADE/ESS.



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Funding will not begin until after students are approved by Arizona Department of Education, Exceptional Student Services (ESS) and a correctly completed claim form is received by School Finance. Only submit claims on students for which a signed voucher approval with a current year number has been received from ESS.

Funding starts on the latter of date of ESS approval or date student actually enrolls and begins to receive educational services. Funding ends on the earliest of: expiration date of ESS approval, date student discharges from facility or date student withdraws and stops receiving educational services. For example - student approval is dated 09/4/17, student enrolls and begins receiving educational services 09/10/17 - 1st day of funding is 09/10/17; student withdraws and stops receiving educational services 11/8/17, student discharges 11/9/17 - last day of funding is 11/8/17.